

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1 (currently amended) A bandage comprising:
a strip having a facing surface and a back surface and defined by a pair of end portions and a central portion with the central portion sized to overly a wound;
an adhesive substantially covering only said facing surfaces of said end portions;
wherein at least said central portion of said strip is made of a material having a an air porosity of at least 50 cubic ft./min./sq. ft.

2 (original) The bandage of claim 1, wherein said end portions and said central portion are integrally formed of said material.

3 (original) The bandage of claim 2, wherein said material comprises a fabric material.

4 (original) The bandage of claim 3, wherein said fabric material is selected from the group consisting of mesh netting, tricot fabric and double needle bar fabric.

5 (original) The bandage of claim 3, wherein the fabric is one of knitted, woven, or molded.

6 (original) The bandage of claim 1, further including release paper elements overlying adhered to said end portions of said strip along said facing surface thereof and selectively peelable therefrom.

7 (original) The bandage of claim 3, wherein said fabric comprises a spacer fabric material.

8 (currently amended) The bandage of claim 7, wherein said spacer fabric material has a an air porosity of between 50 and 500 cubic ft./min./sq. ft.

9. (original) The bandage of claim 3, wherein said fabric comprises a mesh material.

10 (currently amended) The bandage of claim 9, wherein said mesh material has ~~a~~ an air porosity of at least 250 cubic ft./min./sq. ft.

11 (original) The bandage of claim 3, wherein said fabric comprises a gauze material.

12 (currently amended) The bandage of claim 11, wherein said gauze material has ~~a~~ an air porosity of at least 250 cubic ft./min./sq. ft.

13 (original) The bandage of claim 12, wherein said gauze material includes at least two layers of a plurality of transversely extending yarns.

14 (original) The bandage of claim 1, wherein said material is selected from the group consisting of a mesh and a gauze, said material including at least one of a plurality of longitudinally extending yarns, a plurality of transversely extending yarns, and a plurality of diagonally extending yarns.

15 (original) The bandage of claim 8, wherein said spacer material comprises a first yarn layer, a second yarn layer, and a plurality of yarns running therebetween.

16 (currently amended) The bandage of claim 1, wherein said material has ~~a~~ an air porosity of at least 150 cubic ft./min./sq. ft.

17 (currently amended) The bandage of claim 1, wherein said material has ~~a~~ an air porosity of at least 250 cubic ft./min./sq. ft.

18 (original) The bandage of claim 1, wherein said material is transversely stretchable and longitudinally stretchable, or both.

19 (original) The bandage of claim 1, wherein said material includes a plurality of

transversely extending yarns and a plurality of longitudinally extending yarns.

20 (original) The bandage of claim 9, wherein said mesh material has a fineness of between 15 and 500 denier.